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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/779,413
Filing Date	February 8, 2001
First Named Inventor	Bernard J. Banks
Group Art Unit	1614
Examiner Name	Henley III, Raymond J.
Attorney Docket Number	PC10901A

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____ Petition for Extension of Time

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 16-1445
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 07/24/2003 AWDNDAF1 00000014 161445 09779413
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 750.00 DA
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Check in the amount of \$_____ enclosed
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Bernard J. Banks et al.

APPLICATION NO.: **09/779,413**

Examiner: **Henley III, Raymond J**

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Group Art Unit: **1614**

TITLE: **USE OF PYRIMIDINE ENDOTHELIN
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Preliminary Amendment

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action, under 37 C.F.R. §1.121, mailed January 22, 2003 concerning the above-identified application. Attached hereto is a Petition for a Three month extension of time, extending the response period to July 22, 2003 and an RCE continuation application cover sheet.

Please amend the present invention as follows: